

REMARKS

According to a "Response to Request for Corrected Filing Receipt" mailed October 17, 2005, Applicants are required to supply in an Application Data Sheet or in an amendment to the specification, the continuity data of the instant application to earlier filed applications under 35 U.S.C. § 120, in order to obtain a corrected filing receipt.

In response, Applicants state that

(i) a Preliminary Amendment, amending the originally-filed specification was filed July 30, 2003, to comply with requirements to claim priority to earlier filed applications. Applicants enclose a copy of said Preliminary Amendment together with a copy of the return receipt postcard acknowledging its delivery at the United States Patent and Trademark Office (EXHIBIT 1);

(ii) in reviewing the Preliminary Amendment filed July 30, 2003, Applicants noted that the priority information disclosed therein contained an inadvertent error which has been addressed in the second preliminary amendment submitted herein. In particular, the relationship between International Patent Application No. PCT/US02/03087 as being a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/755,755 filed February 2, 2001, was not specified in the originally filed Preliminary Amendment, an inadvertent error which has been corrected in the presently filed Amendment; and

(iii) Applicants have provided herewith a copy of: (A) the Response to Request for Corrected Filing Receipt mailed October 17, 2005; (B) a copy of the original filing receipt; and, (C) a copy of the original filing receipt containing redlined corrections indicating the corrected priority claim (EXHIBIT 2A-C).

Applicants request that the corrected priority of the instant application be made of record and the petition to issue a corrected Filing Receipt be granted following submission of the Second Preliminary Amendment herein.

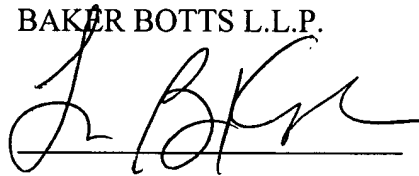
In an abundance of caution, Applicants further request that this paper be considered a Petition To Correct Priority Date pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) due to unintentional delay in claiming priority to earlier filed applications, should the Commissioner so require. As noted in (i) above, Applicants had filed a Preliminary Amendment claiming priority to earlier filed application but inadvertently omitted reference to the relationship between two prior application i.e. International Patent Application No. PCT/US02/03087 being a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/755,755 filed February 2, 2001. Applicants state that the entire delay between the date the claim was due and the date the claim was (properly) filed was unintentional since the error in preliminary amendment filed July 30, 2003 was only recently noted after receiving the Response to Request for Corrected Filing Receipt mailed October 17, 2005. Applicants authorize the charging of the required fee of \$ 1,370.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t) to deposit account 02-4377, should the Commissioner require filing of a Petition to Correct Priority pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) and consider this document as the Petition.

Applicants do not believe that any additional fee is required in connection with the submission of this document. Should any fees be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees to Deposit Account 02-4377. A duplicate copy of this communication is provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the present application, please make the following
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) An anti-infective medical article prepared by exposing a polymer-containing medical article, for an effective period of time, to a treatment solution comprising between 1 and 8 percent (weight/volume) of minocycline and between 1 and 8 percent (weight/volume) of a chlorhexidine compound.
2. (Original) The anti-infective medical article of claim 1, where the treatment solution further comprises a bismuth salt at a concentration of between 0.5 and 2.0 percent (weight/volume).
3. (Original) The anti-infective medical article of claim 1, where the treatment solution further comprises between 0.2 and 1.0 percent (weight/volume) benzalkonium chloride.
4. (Original) The anti-infective medical article of claim 2, where the treatment solution further comprises between about 0.25 and 1.0 percent (weight/volume) benzalkonium chloride.
5. (Cancel)
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7. (Original) The anti-infective medical article of claim 2 where the bismuth salt is bismuth citrate.
8. (Original) The anti-infective medical article of claim 4, where the bismuth salt is bismuth citrate.
9. (Original) The anti-infective medical article of claim 2, where the bismuth salt is bismuth salicylate.
10. (Original) The anti-infective medical article of claim 4, where the bismuth

salt is bismuth salicylate.

11. (Currently Amended) The anti-infective medical article of claim 1, where the chlorhexidine compound is selected from the group consisting of ~~chlorhexidine free base, chlorhexidine diacetate,~~ chlorhexidine gluconate ~~and mixtures thereof~~ , a mixture of chlorhexidine gluconate and chlorhexidine free base, a mixture of chlorhexidine gluconate and chlorhexidine diacetate, a mixture of chlorhexidine gluconate, chlorhexidine free base and chlorhexidine diacetate, and a mixture of chlorhexidine free base and chlorhexidine diacetate.

12. (Currently Amended) The anti-infective medical article of claim 2, where the chlorhexidine compound is selected from the group consisting of ~~chlorhexidine free base, chlorhexidine diacetate,~~ chlorhexidine gluconate ~~and mixtures thereof~~ , a mixture of chlorhexidine gluconate and chlorhexidine free base, a mixture of chlorhexidine gluconate and chlorhexidine diacetate, a mixture of chlorhexidine gluconate, chlorhexidine free base and chlorhexidine diacetate, and a mixture of chlorhexidine free base and chlorhexidine diacetate.

13. (Currently Amended) The anti-infective medical article of claim 3, where the chlorhexidine compound is selected from the group consisting of ~~chlorhexidine free base, chlorhexidine diacetate,~~ chlorhexidine gluconate ~~and mixtures thereof~~ , a mixture of chlorhexidine gluconate and chlorhexidine free base, a mixture of chlorhexidine gluconate and chlorhexidine diacetate, a mixture of chlorhexidine gluconate, chlorhexidine free base and chlorhexidine diacetate, and a mixture of chlorhexidine free base and chlorhexidine diacetate.

14. (Currently Amended) The anti-infective medical article of claim 4, where the chlorhexidine compound is selected from the group consisting of ~~chlorhexidine free base, chlorhexidine diacetate,~~ chlorhexidine gluconate ~~and mixtures thereof~~ , a mixture of

chlorhexidine gluconate and chlorhexidine free base, a mixture of chlorhexidine gluconate and chlorhexidine diacetate, a mixture of chlorhexidine gluconate, chlorhexidine free base and chlorhexidine diacetate, and a mixture of chlorhexidine free base and chlorhexidine diacetate.

15. (Original) An anti-infective medical article prepared by exposing a polymer-containing medical article, for an effective period of time, to a treatment solution comprising between 1 and 8 percent (weight/volume) of minocycline, between 1 and 8 percent (weight/volume) of triclosan, and a bismuth salt at a concentration of between 0.5 and 2.0 percent (weight/volume).

16. (Original) The anti-infective medical article of claim 15, where the treatment solution further comprises between 0.25 and 1.0 percent (weight/volume) benzalkonium chloride.

17. (Cancel)

18. (Cancel)

19. (Original) The anti-infective medical article of claim 15, where the bismuth salt is bismuth citrate.

20. (Original) The anti-infective medical article of claim 16, where the bismuth salt is bismuth citrate.

21. (Original) The anti-infective medical article of claim 15, where the bismuth salt is bismuth salicylate.

22. (Original) The anti-infective medical article of claim 16, where the bismuth salt is bismuth salicylate.

23. (Original) An anti-infective medical article prepared by exposing a polymer-

containing medical article, for an effective period of time, to a treatment solution comprising between 1 and 8 percent (weight/volume) of minocycline, between 0.25 and 1.0 percent (weight/volume) of benzalkonium chloride, and between 0.5 and 2.0 percent (weight/volume) of a bismuth salt.

24. (Currently Amended) The anti-infective medical article of claim 23, where the bismuth salt is selected from the group consisting of ~~bismuth nitrate~~, bismuth citrate, and bismuth salicylate.

25. (Original) An intravascular catheter comprising between 100 and 450 micrograms of minocycline per centimeter and between 130 and 520 micrograms of a chlorhexidine compound.

26. (Original) The catheter of claim 25 further comprising between 50 and 300 micrograms per centimeter of a bismuth salt.

27. (Currently Amended) The catheter of claim 26 where the bismuth salt is selected from the group consisting of ~~bismuth nitrate~~, bismuth citrate and bismuth salicylate.

28. (Original) The catheter of claim 26 further comprising between 25 and 100 micrograms per centimeter of benzalkonium chloride.

29. (Currently Amended) The catheter of claim 25 where the chlorhexidine compound is selected from the group consisting of ~~chlorhexidine free base, chlorhexidine diacetate, chlorhexidine gluconate and mixtures thereof~~, a mixture of chlorhexidine gluconate and chlorhexidine free base, a mixture of chlorhexidine gluconate and chlorhexidine diacetate, a mixture of chlorhexidine gluconate, chlorhexidine free base and chlorhexidine diacetate, and a mixture of chlorhexidine free base and chlorhexidine diacetate.

30. (Original) The catheter of claim 25 further comprising between 50 and 200 micrograms per centimeter of a zinc salt.

31. (Original) The catheter of claim 25 further comprising between 25 and 300 micrograms per centimeter of a silver-containing compound.

32. (Cancel)

33. (Original) An intravascular catheter comprising between 100 and 450 micrograms of minocycline per centimeter, between 130 and 750 micrograms of triclosan per centimeter, and between 50 and 300 micrograms of a bismuth salt per centimeter.

34. (Currently Amended) The catheter of claim 33 where the bismuth salt is selected from the group consisting of ~~bismuth nitrate~~, bismuth citrate and bismuth salicylate.

35. (Original) The catheter of claim 33 further comprising between 25 and 100 micrograms per centimeter of benzalkonium chloride.

36. (Original) The catheter of claim 33 further comprising between 50 and 200 micrograms per centimeter of a zinc salt.

37. (Original) The catheter of claim 33 further comprising between 25 and 300 micrograms per centimeter of a silver-containing compound.

38. (Cancel)

39. (Original) An anti-infective medical article prepared by exposing a polymer-containing medical article for an effective period of time to a treatment solution comprising between 1 and 8 percent (weight/volume) of minocycline and between 0.5 and 2.0 percent (weight/volume) of a bismuth salt.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph on page 1, after "SPECIFICATION" and before "INTRODUCTION" as follows:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S)

This application is a continuation of PCT Application No. PCT/US02/03087 which was filed on January 31, 2002, published on January 3, 2003 in English as International Publication No. WO 03/000303 and claims priority to U.S. Application No. 09/775,775, filed February 2, 2001, now issued U.S. Patent No. 6,582,719, all incorporated by reference in their entireties herein.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment amends the originally-filed specification of the above-referenced application, filed herewith as a continuation of International Application No. PCT/US02/03087, filed on January 31, 2002, published on January 3, 2003 as International Publication No. WO 03/000303 and claims priority to U.S. Application No. 09/775,775, filed February 2, 2001, now issued U.S. Patent No. 6,582,719.

Claims 1-4, 7-16, 19-31, 33-37, and 39 are currently pending and are presently under consideration in the above-identified application. Claims 5, 6, 17, 18, 32, 38 have been cancelled as directed to subject matter which has been allowed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/775,775, now US 6,582,719. Claims 11-14, 24, 27 and 34 have also been amended to eliminate reference to allowed subject matter in U.S Patent Application Serial No. 09/775,775, now US 6,582,719.

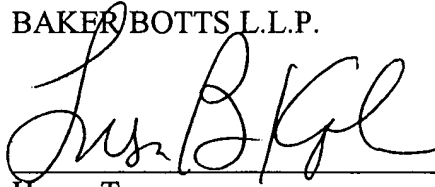
In addition, the specification has been amended to insert a reference to related applications. The amendments to the specification and the claims do not add new matter to the application.

CONCLUSION

Applicants request an early and favorable decision on Claims 1-4, 7-16, 19-31, 33-37,
and 39.

Respectfully submitted,

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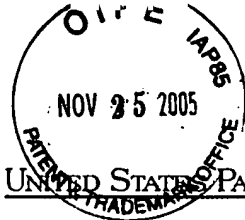
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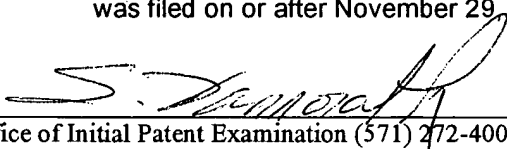
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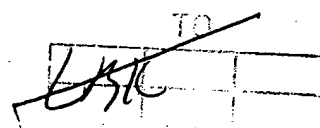
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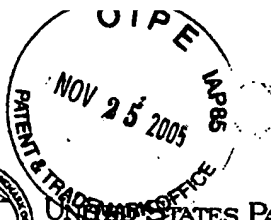
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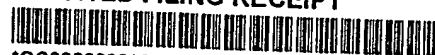
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